



April 25, 2013

The Honorable William F. Welch
Senate Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the Senate
94 Beacon Street
Room 335- State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Welch,

Enclosed please find proposed regulation changes to 205 CMR 4.00 and 6.00, regulations governing Running Horse Racing and Pari-Mutuel Rules for Thoroughbred Racing, Harness Racing, and Greyhound Racing, pursuant to M.G.L. c.128A, §9B. These proposed new regulations primarily govern the health and safety standards of racing's participants. The regulations do several important things for the industry including amending the language regarding specifications on the use of a riding crop, adopting model rule standards for safety helmets and vests, amending the scale of weights for jockeys, eliminating heel traction devices on front horseshoes, and developing guidance for consideration of occupational license applications. Additionally, the proposed regulations amend the minimum payout for winning wagers in the event of a minus pool.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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Enclosures.



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